

**REMARKS**

This is a full and timely amendment filed in response outstanding Advisory Action mailed May 30, 2003, and the Examiner's Interview of July 1, 2003. The amendment is in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116(b) for presenting rejected claims in better form for consideration. Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

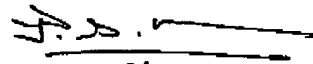
**Present Status of Patent Application**

Upon entry of the amendments in this response, claims 2-8, 10-16, 19-23, 25-32, and 34-41 remain pending in the present application. More specifically, claims 1, 9, 17-18, 24 and 33 are cancelled without prejudice, waiver, or disclaimer; while claims 2, 10, 25, and 34 that are formerly dependent claims have been re-presented as independent claims incorporating all the limitations of the former dependent claims with no addition of new matter. Furthermore, currently-amended claims 4, 6, 12, 14, 20, 23, 27, 29, 32, 36 and 38 incorporate all the limitations of the corresponding former dependent claims, with no addition of new matter.

**CONCLUSION**

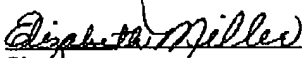
In light of the foregoing amendments Applicant respectfully submits that all objections and/or rejections have been traversed, rendered moot, and/or accommodated, and that claims 2-8, 10-16, 19-23, 25-32, and 34-41 are in condition for allowance. Favorable re-consideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims are hereby courteously requested. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephonic conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

Respectfully submitted,



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